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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:

Hauptmann, et al.

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For: TNF RECEPTORS, TNF BINDING PROTEINS,  
AND DNAs CODING FOR THEM

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1997**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are filed as a Submission after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). A Request under 37 1.129(a) and authorization to deduct the requisite fee is attached herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-7, 9, 23, 27-61 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please insert the following new claims:

62. A recombinant DNA molecule, which is replicable in prokaryotic or eukaryotic host organisms, wherein said DNA molecule contains expression control sequences functionally linked to the DNA sequence defined in claim 2, or a degenerate variant thereof or a fragment thereof.

63. DNA according to claim 27, wherein the DNA encodes a C- and/or N-terminally shortened fragment of the polypeptide of A or B.

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